

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Minutes of the Meeting of 4 May 2005 at 7:00 PM. The meeting took place in the Court Room, Town and County Building, Nantucket, MA 02554. Members of the Board present were Bruce Watts, Douglas Bennett, Whiting Willauer, Michael Glowacki and Brian Chadwick. Chairman Glowacki called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM, following a meeting of the Board of Health.

Approval of Payroll Warrant for Week Ending 1 May 2005. The payroll warrant was approved by unanimous consent of the meeting.

Approval of Treasury Warrant and Pending Contracts for Week Ending 4 May 2005. The treasury warrant and pending contracts were approved by unanimous consent of the meeting.

Nantucket Electric Company vice-president Dave Fredericks provided the Board with a status report on the on-going underground electric cable project. Mr. Fredericks noted that weather delays have been a factor but that the project is moving forward on a 24 hour per day basis. Mr. Fredericks noted what streets will be blocked off on what dates.

Town Administrator's Report: Update on Harbor Plan. Nantucket resident Christine Silverstein, who stated she is a member of the "Save our Waterfront" (SOW) steering committee, spoke about the need for existing and future public access to the water and offered SOW's participation and assistance with the updating of the Harbor Plan. Town Administrator Libby Gibson stated that the Town was awarded an \$80,000 grant from the Seaport Advisory Council for the update of the Town's Harbor Plan, originally written in 1993. Ms. Gibson stated that a request for proposal will be prepared and a contract executed by June 30, 2005; and, that series of public meetings will be scheduled over the summer to obtain public input on the plan. Marine Superintendent Dave Fronzuto added that he believes there are many interested consultants and the update process will be facilitated by Coastal Zone Management.

Town Administrator's Report: Update on Beach Access at Smith's Point and Jetties Beach. Town Administrator Libby Gibson reported on the access at Smith's Point, noting that, if the beach is open for access, only a small portion of the area would be accessible as extensive fencing must be installed due to nesting endangered birds. Ms. Gibson added there could be issues with the private property owner whose house has been damaged by the erosion, as the access point is right in front of this property. Ms. Gibson recommended the beach remain closed at this time to vehicles. Nantucket resident Edie Ray spoke in opposition to allowing vehicle traffic on the beach, noting there are currently 4 pairs of piping plovers on the beach and least terns are due to arrive soon. Conservation Commission member Clark Whitcomb expressed his opinion that the Town should determine applicable property lines before vehicles are allowed access. Mr. Watts and Mr. Bennett expressed their opinions that "we should give it a try" by allowing vehicles on the beach. Mr. Chadwick concurred but stated the beach should only be opened to the first dune area. Mr. Fronzuto stated he will open the beach and install fencing with the appropriate separation required by the Beach Management Plan. With regard to the Jetties Beach, Ms. Gibson reported that this beach area is under the jurisdiction of the Park & Recreation Commission and the gate has been locked to vehicle access due to nesting endangered birds.

Selectmen's Reports/Comments. Mr. Chadwick announced that he and Town Administrator Libby Gibson attended a recent graduation at Our Island Home for new restorative certified nursing

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assistants (CNA's). Mr. Chadwick congratulated the recent graduates and Ms. Gibson acknowledged OIH administrator Pam Meriam, Director of Nursing Gail Ellis and Staff Development Coordinator Regina Kohlhepp for their initiatives in developing this worthwhile program.

Chairman Glowacki announced that the Board adopted its goals for this year at a meeting held earlier today.

Legislative Liaison Tim Madden reported that he, Selectmen Chadwick and Glowacki, and State Senator Robert O'Leary and State Representative Eric Turkington, met today with officials from the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) with regard to the February deer hunting matter. Mr. Madden stated that a public hearing will be held before the end of the year to formally act upon this matter and Mr. Madden is fairly optimistic that the DFW officials will "listen to the public."

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Approved the 18th day of May 2005.